



Showing the 'Blitz spirit' whilst celebrating VE day!

Dear Students,

This Friday's Bank holiday, moved from today specifically for this purpose, sees us commemorate 75 years since 'Victory in Europe' (VE) day. Whilst it is a very different context, there are many parallels between the hardships, restrictions and sadness of daily life for those who lived through the war and ourselves currently living through lockdown. Both have required looking after ourselves and others, a sense of purpose, the need to show resilience and our various communities pulling together to help everyone get through things safely. On Friday, you can reflect upon what this meant in 1945 using the VE Day PowerPoint presentation sent to you via epraise.

Our Tutor calls and emails to you over the last two weeks have been very reassuring in how you are finding your own path through the current situation, in making the best of it for you and your family, along with providing support for others. We are very proud of you all.

Addressing the public on VE day in 1945, King George VI called upon people to remember those who had died and to 'make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours'. This will also be our challenge going forward, as we support each other through the transition back to a more normal life and look to retain the many positives our situation has also brought about.

We hope you are all remaining safe and well.

All the staff at Perschore High School.



VE Day: 8th May 1945 / 8th May 2020

- The 8th – 10th of May (including the Bank Holiday on Friday) is the weekend to commemorate and celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, marking the end of the Second World War in Europe (1939-1945)
- To help you prepare your day, we've collated some activities for you to do while you #StayHomeSaveLives
- There is more information about why we are marking VE Day and the activities you can get involved in on the PowerPoint presentation made available on Friday.
- You could make some bunting to hang in your window, (you will find posters and bunting templates here: <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>; celebrate a virtual street party with friends and family; enter the competition led by Historian Dan Snow (mentioned on the History Twitter page last week) or simply watch the commemorative programmes on the BBC!
- Whatever you choose to do, send your History teacher a photograph of your activity so we can collage them together for a display when we return to school.
- One lines from the famous World War Two Vera Lynn song says:
"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again, some sunny day."
Very apt for today too, isn't it?



LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

This week we have been sent some excellent examples of projects and schoolwork that you have been completing at home. You should all be very proud of your efforts and please keep sending us activities that you are proud of and we will share more of them each week.

Here are some of the highlights from this week!



Well done Oscar and Sophie for some fantastic Art and Science work!

Lifeskills Challenge

Healthy Mind: Create a personal profile telling us all about yourself and what your aspirations for the future are. Tell us about your likes and dislikes and what you think is important for us to know about you.

Helping at home: Follow a recipe to create a meal for you and your family one evening. Take a photo of the finished product and send us your recipes!

Remember to send any complete challenges to your TA / Mr Campbell. We will share some of them next week.

Have a great week!

Be physically active

Years 8 & 9

Check out the Fitness section of the Sport folder in the Shared Area's 'Emergency Closure' folder for some great keeping fit ideas, including Monopoly, Snakes & Ladders and Wheel of Fortune games amongst others! Other year groups could check these out too if you are not 'too cool' for these..!

Keep learning!

#CookWithJack

Jack Deane's cook-alongs (a chef from the Jamie Oliver Cookery School) are live from his kitchen at home in West Sussex every day at 12pm: <https://www.biteback2030.com/real-story/cook-jack-4th-may-8th-may>

They are fun, easy to follow, and teach some key skills, but best of all you will have a delicious, healthy and nutritious low budget lunch at the end of it all.

Give to others

We are aware of many examples of students looking out for each other, and those in their local communities, by showing kindness during lockdown. For example, one student in Bishampton has been helping every single day in the village by delivering groceries and necessities to the vulnerable and those in isolation – he often does this several times a day. Another student in Norton has been coaching one of her friends, which gave her confidence as she was finding some aspects of the work set difficult. Well done everyone!

Connect with other people

Anyone interested in learning from other students around the world about their life in lockdown? We are setting up a project where you can communicate with students across the world – let them know what your lockdown life is like.... What do you miss? What do you enjoy? You will find out about their lives and maybe make some international friends along the way! For more information, and to express an interest, please contact Miss Higgins hi@persnore.worcs.sch.uk

HOUSE COMPETITION TIME

Mrs Kilmister, Mr Turfrey and Mr Watson have had nothing to argue about for AGES so here is our first House Competition of Lockdown

COINTOWER

Which House has the student who can build the highest coin tower? Entering is easy – build a coin tower with any coins you have at home and see how many you can stack before it falls over. House points will be given for:

- The highest tower
- The number of entries
- The total number of coins per House

Send your Head of House the number of coins in your tower and, if you can, a photo of your tower (we'll put these into the Bulletin so include just the tower and your yourselves!)

Closing date: Thursday 7th May

Year 12 and Y11 (PHS applicants):

We have been massively impressed by the commitment and dedication that you have shown towards your studies during this difficult time. Feedback from your teachers suggest that you are engaging with the material and enjoying the 'live' lessons that have been provided. Do not forget if you do miss one of the live lessons, you can watch them back as they will have been recorded.

Tutor support: Tutors have been making contact with you, please do let them know if you have any concerns or email the Sixth Form Team. There is always someone at the end of an email ready to help.

UCAS - Mr Howell and Mrs Starkey will be providing some advice and guidance on this process shortly - in the meantime why not do some research on the courses on offer and take a look at the entry requirements. Unifrog is the best tool to use for this.

Unifrog - do not forget you can use this to carry out MOOCs (subjects/topics that you might be interested in looking at) they cover everything from astronomy to zoology.

Y11 - Check communication from your A level teachers for work that you can complete in preparation for Y12.

Reminders/resources:

- Live Webinar Monday 11th May - 9am from UCSB (check your emails for information)
- Applying to Oxbridge and competitive courses (check your email)

NOTICE

Is uncertainty about the future worrying you?

Check out this week's fifth edition of our 'Careers Bulletin' (in the Emergency Closure folder on the Shared Area) for information about how to improve your employability skills during lockdown and to find out more about careers in Social Care. There is also information about Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Higher Education – many of the webinars and virtual meetings take place this early this week, so don't miss out!



If you have any helpful examples, ideas or things you have done that could be included in a future issue, please email: studentbulletin@persnore.worcs.sch.uk

HM Government

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STAY AT HOME
SAVE LIVES

The only reasons to leave home are to:

- ✓ shop for basic necessities, pick up medicine, travel to work when you absolutely cannot, work from home and exercise once a day – alone or with members of your household.
- ✗ Do not meet others, even friends or family.

NHS

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